

Newberry Business Directory.

Cards of Reference inserted under appropriate headings in this column. Professional men, Merchants, Associates and generally, should have a place in this directory. Terms moderate.

Dry Goods, Shoes, &c.

SILVER, E. C. & Co.—Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods, Shoes, &c. Large assortment of Shoes at low prices.

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Poetry.

THE PUREST KISS.

JEANETTE G. ANDERSON.

A kiss hath been likened to blossoms on trees.

To fruits of the tropics—deliciously rare—

To Araby's spices, to wine of the lees,

To a rose wet with dew from Paradise fair.

To drops of pure honey distilled from the live—

That store house where essence of flowers meet,

To nectar of gods—to soft breezes that strive

With the breath of the rose they carelessly greet.

The first kiss of love makes a lasting impress,

But oh! there's another that's holier far—

Born of anguish no tongue can express—

That is pure—unselfish—and bright as a star.

The young mother folds her dear babe in embrace,

Her soul knows a new—ah! a Heaven born bliss;

In wonder she gazes on that cherub face

And imprints on the velvet lip a first kiss.

Talk not of bliss that with passion is fraught,

Talk of no earthly joy comparing with this;

That is born of a love unchanging, unsought—

A holy—unselfish—a mother's pure kiss.

Selected Story.

THE MULO PILOT.

BY S. C.

In the month of March, 1842 I

took passage at Marseilles on board

the merchant ship Good Hope. My

own ship was at Smyrna, and thither

the merchantman was to carry

me, she being bound there after a

cargo of fruit. The captain of the

Good Hope was named John Napton,

and though he was a good and

careful navigator, he had one striking

feature. He was very quick-tempered,

and sometimes quite vindictive.

But for all this, his men liked

him, for he never failed to grant

them all the reasonable privileges

in his power. The first mate's name

was Sawyer, a true sailor and an

excellent man.

We had a smooth run until we

passed the Southern capes of

Greece and entered the Archipelago,

go, but here we had signs of bad

weather. Captain Napton had

never been in these waters before,

and did not feel quite safe to trust

himself among the Ionian Isles in a

long storm, and we had reason to

believe that such a storm was

coming. To be sure the chart was

correct, but then those are wild

tracts to travel in stormy nights.

In pleasant weather the task is but

slight, but it was very likely to be

different now.

Captain Napton asked my advice.

I told him there were plenty of ex-

perienced pilots at Milo, and that

in all probability one of them could

be hired to go to Smyrna and back

for a mere trifle. As for the Archi-

pelago, though I had passed

through it several times, I knew

nothing about navigating it. The

captain conferred with his officers,

and it was soon arranged that the

ship should stop at Milo and take

a pilot.

On the morning Milo

was in sight on the harbor bow,

and having run in to the westward

of the Pigeons, we hoove-to off the

coast, and made a signal. In less

than half an hour we were boarded

by half a dozen rough looking fel-

lows, every one of whom professed

to know all about navigating the

Archipelago. Among the number

was an oldish man who gave his

name as Marco Mides. He followed

fishing for a livelihood, but his

statements with regard to his qualifi-

cations as a pilot were by far the

most satisfactory of the lot. He of-

fered to go to Smyrna and back for

twenty-five dollars, and after some

further consultation he was engaged.

Near noon we filled away. There

was but little wind, not more than

enough to run off two or three

knots, and even that was from the

northward and eastward, and as

near dead ahead as possible, so the

pilot concluded to make a "long

leg" upon the starboard tack, and

on this tack," returned the captain.

"But I'm afraid the ship won't

hold up to her course," resumed the

pilot. "She must certainly hold up

to east by north to do it, for she

makes considerable lee-way."

"O, I'll warrant her to do that,"

said the captain very confidently,

and with the air of a man who does

not like to have his vessel thought

incapable of doing the right thing.

So the pilot, feeling assured that

thus far all would be right, went

below to get his supper. He had

been gone, perhaps, half an hour,

when there was a sudden shock, and

in a moment more the ship stood

still. Marco Mides hastened upon

deck, and was just in time to meet

the captain at the companion-way.

"What does this mean?" cried

Napton, in an angry tone.

The old pilot gazed for a moment

upon the shore, which was yet

some five miles distant, and then

he calmly said:

"It's your own fault, captain."

"My fault, you lying lubber?"

"Certainly it is," calmly returned

the pilot.

"Take that then!" and in the

heat of his passion the captain

struck the old man a blow that sent

him staggering half way across the

deck.

Without waiting to see the ef-

fects of his hasty outburst, Napton,

sprang to the rail and ordered all

the yards to be squared. The ship

had struck upon a hard sand-bar,

but as she was not going very fast

at the time, and as the bar ap-

peared to be somewhat abrupt, she

was easily got off, and as soon as

she had backed clear of the danger she

was put upon the starboard tack,

and stood off to the northward.

The pilot turned very pale, and

though his frame shook with agita-

tion, yet he made no movement to-

ward the captain. We all knew

that he was not to blame, for the

ship had not been kept upon the

course which the captain had pro-

mised, but the helmsman testified

that part of the time her head had

been as far out of the way as east-

half-south, instead of east by north,

and upon looking at the chart we

found that we must have struck on

the extreme northern point of the